



Sgt. Reece Lodder is a 26-year-old United States Marine combat correspondent from Everson, Washington.

Sgt. Lodder began his journey with the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in 2009, documenting Marines with 3rd Marine Regiment during training in Hawaii, aboard ship and in California. In July 2011, he joined 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, telling their stories during training and while deployed to Garmsir District, Helmand province, Afghanistan.

After redeploying to Hawaii, Sgt. Lodder returned to MCB Hawaii PAO in September 2012 and assumed duties as the press chief, newspaper managing editor and external media chief. In July 2013, he transferred to Marine Corps Recruiting Station Seattle and assumed duties as the station's marketing and public affairs representative.

Sgt. Lodder's print and/or photojournalism have been featured by ABC, Business Insider, CBS, CNN, Huffington Post, NBC, NPR, Politico, TIME, The Atlantic and the Washington Post.

Sgt. Lodder's notable awards for excellence in storytelling include the Department of Defense's 2010 Thomas Jefferson Award for Outstanding New Writer (2010) and Story Series (2012); Marine Corps Photojournalist of the Year (2011, 2012); Marine Corps Print Journalist of the Year (2012); runner-up, DoD Military Photographer of the Year (2013); writing and photography awards from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (2013 & 2015); Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Marine Corps Recruiting Command FY14 Marketing & Public Affairs Representative of the Year); and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a gold star in lieu of second award.

EDUCATION

- Basic Public Affairs Specialist Writer Course, Defense Information School, Fort Meade, MD, December 2009
- Marine Corps Combat Marksmanship Coaches Course, MCB Hawaii, April 2010
- DoD Worldwide Military Photography Workshop, DINFOS, June 2011
- Honor graduate, Corporals Course, SNCOA, MCB Hawaii, December 2012
- Associate Degree in Business Administration, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA, June 2009
- *Junior year of studies* – Bachelors in Business Administration (Marketing), Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

ASSIGNMENTS

- December 2009 – July 2011, Combat Correspondent, Public Affairs Office, MCB Hawaii
- July 2011 – September 2012, Combat Correspondent, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines
- September 2012 – July 2013, Editor/Press/Media Chief, PAO, MCB Hawaii
- August 2013 – present, Marketing & Public Affairs Representative, Recruiting Station Seattle